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THE deadlock during the last two years between the diamond industry and the Income-Tax Department formulae for determining **DISPUTE** taxable income has been climaxed by a decision of the diamond manufacturers to shut down all their undertakings save those in the development areas as from next Sunday. Notices to that effect have already gone out to the employees.

The tax experts agree that the liability to income tax payments cannot always accurately be calculated on a basis of objective figures, but may have to be assessed in accordance with the working facilities available.

The diamond industry is a case in point because, requiring as it does only a small initial investment and raw material that is easily transported, the industry is divided among a large number of widely dispersed factories and workshops. Some are small and new. There is a practice among them of not keeping accounts and they do not always make the proper tax deductions from their piece-work wage bills. The profit margin in diamonds is extremely low, reckoned as a percentage of turnover, and the gems move rapidly from hand to hand as prices fluctuate on the bourse, much as shares do at a stock exchange. Many deals are done by word of mouth.

The Income Tax Department has therefore assessed taxable income in the past, by agreement with the Diamond Manufacturers' Association, based on a standard formula of earning per carat of diamonds purchased. During the last two years, negotiations for revising these formulae have broken down because the tax authorities are not satisfied that the polishers are paying fair taxes. The severe drive they have launched for examining the situation more closely, together with inspection of premises and the temporary impounding of books, has led to strong resentment. The so-called "victimization" of one or two companies whose returns are suspect has evoked the solidarity that is traditional on the diamond exchange, and the trade associations representing the industry have undertaken a lock-out directed against the Inland Revenue Department of the State.

The diamond trade has been facing economic difficulties in the past year. The international market has weakened, possibly due to the balance of payments situation in the U.S., a country which consumes over half of the world's output. It may be that in the circumstances the tax authorities were precipitate in initiating a stiff inspection of the accounts of individual plants without giving prior notice that they considered their agreement with the Diamond Manufacturers' Association on the formulae as terminated.

The decision to bring the whole industry to a halt, however, cannot be considered as a legitimate form of pressure in the dispute. Any single firm has plainly the right to close its doors at any time if it chooses to. But the shut-down of a whole group of firms savours of cartel action and becomes a tax strike. Lock-outs are as legal as strikes in a free economy, when they are a means of pressure in labour disputes. The present lock-out is intended to embarrass the Government by disrupting an entire economic branch, causing unemployment and jeopardizing a vital export.

Pressure of this kind against a Government department carrying out a normal function cannot fail to arouse apprehension and disapproval. The diamond industry may for more considerable treatment by the tax authorities, but the present method is not likely to achieve it. It is not, after all, as though other businesses could evade taxes or enjoyed paying them.



165 Missing From Burning British Vessel

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Fears grew yesterday that casualties among crew and passengers of the still-smouldering British cargo liner Darya may be as high as 165. As ships searched the Persian Gulf area for survivors, agents and shipping line officials here tried to work out a complete casualty list. Some bodies have been recovered. Unconfirmed rumours were circulating here that an explosion aboard on Saturday, as reported by some survivors, may have been caused by a bomb. Estimating the number still missing, a British Government spokesman here said 365 survivors were known to have been landed so far. If reports from Dubai, principal port of Trucial Oman, where many survivors had been landed, were correct, this would indicate that 165 persons were unaccounted for. The reports, he said, stated that the ship was carrying 300 passengers, 130 crew and 50 tally clerks, labourers and merchants from Dubai: a total of 730. Latest reports on the Darya said she was being towed stern first by a British naval frigate towards Bahrain, with about 250 miles to go. The fire aboard was under control.

Bonn Uneasy as Trial Nears; Regret Adenauer in U.S.

BONN. — Chancellor Adenauer has returned here from his Italian vacation and will arrive in Washington tomorrow for talks with President Kennedy.

Moscow Raps Nazis In Bonn Posts

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The newspaper "Sovetskaya Rossiya" yesterday attacked the West German Government in Bonn for revising the formulae for revising these formulae have broken down because the tax authorities are not satisfied that the polishers are paying fair taxes. The severe drive they have launched for examining the situation more closely, together with inspection of premises and the temporary impounding of books, has led to strong resentment. The so-called "victimization" of one or two companies whose returns are suspect has evoked the solidarity that is traditional on the diamond exchange, and the trade associations representing the industry have undertaken a lock-out directed against the Inland Revenue Department of the State.

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French Press Gives Heavy Coverage

PARIS. — The French press, including the provincial, in the last few days, has been devoting more space to the Eichmann case than to any other news, not excepting Algerian, and no one can recall when the papers gave so much prominence to an event outside its borders. "Figaro" in a full page article — one of a series from its special correspondent in Jerusalem M. James de Couget, describes arrangements for the trial as "a technical miracle."

League Says Bonn Propagates Zionism

CAIRO (UPI). — Acting Secretary-General of the Arab League Nofal yesterday lodged a strong complaint to the West German Ambassador here for alleged distribution of Israel propaganda in the U.S. Nofal accused the German Embassy in Washington of distributing a 350-page English-language volume called "Israel, Land of Hope," printed in Germany among U.N. members. He said "this strange behaviour shows that Zionism is not satisfied with German financial aid and equipment alone, but is also using the German Government to distribute its propaganda."

Stalling by Laotian Rebels Seen Holding Up Truce Bid

MOSCOW (AP). — There were no signs here yesterday that Soviet acceptance of British suggestions for a Laos peace was near and some indications of new stumbling blocks.

British Ambassador Sir Frank Roberts has had no contact with the Soviet Government since Wednesday when he had a talk which led to a rash of optimistic reports around the world.

The Embassy said yesterday there was no hint of any quick resumption of the discussions which aimed at resolving East-West differences and getting an appeal for a cease-fire issued.

The Soviet Government and press have been silent but newspapers gave wide prominence to a broadcast by Captain Kong Le in the past week which led the left wing coup last summer laid down demands which could snag hopes for a quick cease-fire and restoration of peace.

Forces opposed to the Government of Prince Boum Oum have been scoring military successes and there is considerable belief in diplomatic circles they may be stalling in order to improve their bargaining power at any international conference.

The official Soviet news agency Tass also carried a statement by the "Voice of Pathet Laos" Radio laying down stiff terms.

It said the first thing was for both sides in Laos to get

Teachers Still Out, More Talks Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — The Executive of the Secondary School Teachers' Association held a stormy meeting until late last night on the question of whether or not to call off their strike. With opinions sharply divided, it was decided to reconvene this morning.

The last term of the school year officially begins today. The strikers' leaders were divided over a series of proposals put to them earlier in the day by a top-level round-table conference, which is also scheduled to continue today.

This conference was held in the Tel Aviv city hall and was attended by Education Minister Eshkol and Deputy Education Minister Amichai, Hitzrut Secretary-General Abraham Becker, Hitzrut Teachers Union Secretary Shalom Levin, the Chairman of the Association of Secondary School Teachers, Mr. Mordechai Cohen, and other Association representatives.

It is understood that the main discussion centred around Mr. Becker's proposal that teachers go back to work immediately and that a fact-finding commission, comprised of such experts as statisticians and economists, be set up to investigate the teachers' claims that they are paid much less than other professionals in Government employment.

Mr. Becker also proposed that the teachers accept — as an interim measure — the recommendations of the Hitzrut Committee, which are paid increases ranging from IL7 to IL45 a month, as compared to the teachers' own proposals for raises ranging from IL45 to IL60 a month. The interim raise would also be retroactive to September 1960.

The Association heads were insistent that, should they accept these proposals, the Government should give a prior undertaking to accept the recommendations of the proposed fact-finding commission regardless of the sums involved.

Reaction in Germany shows "more concern for damage to the country's reputation than revival of that sense of shame and collective responsibility for the sins of the Third Reich that Professor Heuss was always teaching."

The correspondent concluded, "It must take much longer, and far more than an Eichmann and the catalogue of his atrocities to prod the Germans into cold and detached assessment of the Nazi era and their individual role in it."

In Rome, the "Corriere della Sera" said Dr. Adenauer avoided a direct answer to only one question in the course of the interview he gave before going home. It concerned the Eichmann trial.

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Floods Wreck Homes In Homs, 1 Killed

DAMASCUS (AP). — Twenty homes were wrecked and another 200 are partially under water from floods which swept into the city of Homs in central Syria, according to reports reaching here. One child is reported killed and 10 other persons injured by the waters.

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NGO DINH DIEM

Ex-King Zog Dies in Paris

PARIS. — King Zog I, former sovereign of Albania, died yesterday following a long illness. He was 66.

Zog had fled into exile in 1938, forced off his throne by the military forces of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini. He took up residence in France, but was again forced to flee when Nazi armies invaded the country. He sought refuge in England and then Cairo. In 1955 he made his home on the French Riviera after a dispute with Colonel Abdul Nasser forced him to leave Egypt.

Elections of December, 1948, returned a Communist-controlled Assembly in Albania. In January, 1949, the country declared itself a republic. In recent years, he lived as an almost hermit-like exile, attended with devotion by his Queen Geraldine, 30 years his junior.

He entered the hospital about a week ago suffering from serious ulcer and liver trouble.

Zog, who was born Ahmed Bey Zogu, was the first and last king of his country.

The ex-king's son, Prince Leka, 25, is a student at the British Military School of Sandhurst. (AP, Reuters)

First Parade Units Arrive in Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter. The first of the units which are to participate in the Independence Day parade on April 20 set up camp yesterday in Jerusalem's Valley of the Cross and in a nearby area adjoining the Hebrew University campus. Finishing touches are being put on the rows of public grandstands lining the east side of Ruppia Road. These will seat 15,500 persons.

(The U.N. Security Council will today resume debate on Jordan's complaint that the parade is a military "provocation.") The debate had started last Thursday.

Members of the Defence Forces arriving in Jerusalem to take part in the parade will be granted free admission to Jerusalem cinemas from today until Independence Day. Only one cinema, the Eden, has declined to join in the arrangement.

KNESSET CTEE MEETS

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee met yesterday in the office of the Knesset Speaker in the Kitya in Tel Aviv.

Ngo Re-elected President Of South Vietnam

SAIGON (Reuters). — President Ngo Dinh Diem, strong anti-Communist leader of the South Vietnam Republic, was returned to power in yesterday's election, it was officially announced.

He will serve his second five-year term since he became President by referendum in 1960.

Electoral authorities said that despite attempts by Communist guerrillas to undermine the poll by sabotage and propaganda, about 85 per cent of the seven million-odd electorate appeared to have voted.

President had polled 70 per cent of the votes so far counted which was more than half of the total vote.

In Saigon, left jittery by two days of pre-election Communist grenade-throwing and attempted demonstrations, polling was quiet and early voters were apprehensive. But the city later took on a picnic atmosphere.

The picture was more sombre in the strategic rice-growing provinces to the south and west of Saigon, where widespread skirmishes, political assassinations, and damage to roads, bridges and telephone lines were reported.

Contacts Made For Arab Summit Parley. Contacts are now being made between the various Arab capitals to prepare the way for an Arab summit meeting in the near future to cope with the dangers "from Israel and imperialism," the Old City daily "Al-Difa" reported from Cairo yesterday.

Meanwhile Cairo Radio confirmed that King Hussein's second message to Abdul Nasser was received in Cairo on Saturday.

ANTI-DAG MOTION

GENEVA (Reuters). — A Soviet draft resolution accusing Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary-General, of being the "organizer of the assassination" of Patrice Lumumba and other Congolese leaders was yesterday twice defeated in the closing session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Council.

Hope Fades for Peace Talks by Congo Rivals

Stevenson Backs Congo Federation

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Mr. Adlai Stevenson, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., said yesterday the Congo's "best hope" was in federation of its major provinces.

Mr. Stevenson admitted that the method in which federation could be achieved had yet to be worked out. One possibility, however, involved the formation of separate large areas, each with its own leader.

These leaders could be Joseph Kasavubu in Leopoldville, Moise Tshombe in Katanga, Albert Kalonji in Kasai, and Antoine Gizenga in Stanleyville, Mr. Stevenson added.

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UN Seizes 32 Mercenaries

ELISABETHVILLE. — U.N. Ethiopian troops have captured and disarmed 32 Katanga white mercenaries — 30 South Africans and two Belgians — authoritative sources said here yesterday.

Two South Africans and both Belgians were badly wounded in incidents which occurred in the north Katanga town of Kabalo, it was stated.

Reports of the clash came as news from Leopoldville dampened hopes of peace talks between the central Congolese government and the Lumumbist regime in Stanleyville.

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Gizenga Regime Disowns Kasavubu

CAIRO (AP). — The diplomatic mission of the Stanleyville regime in Cairo announced yesterday that the government of the Lumumbist leader, Mr. Antoine Gizenga, no longer recognizes Mr. Joseph Kasavubu as President of the Congo.

The announcement said Mr. Gizenga's cabinet now has taken over the prerogatives of the Chief of State.

The announcement, given to newsmen here, said Mr. Gizenga had issued a six-point decree dated March 11 declaring that Mr. Kasavubu had misused his office and violated the fundamental law (Provisional Constitution) of the Congo and hence no longer could be considered President.

200 or 300 Ethiopians and agreed to retire, it continued. They were disarmed, driven to the station and there handed back to the Katanga forces.

Observers said this seemed to be the same incident as the reported capture of the 32 white mercenaries, but U.N. sources said these men were still detained.

Latest reports said U.N. forces held the airport and are also with Katanga troops in joint possession of the railway station.

General Joseph Mobutu, the Leopoldville army commander, flew from Leopoldville yesterday to Bumba, on the frontier of the Equateur and Orientale provinces for military talks with the Stanleyville Commander, Gen. Victor Lundula. (Reuters, AP)

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Mr. Phillips, Vice-Chairman of the Jewish Committee of the Boy Scouts of America, declared at the ceremony that he hoped to help

set up the first professional unit for the Israel Boy and Girl Scout Federation. He praised the Israel movement for having "done wonderfully on a purely voluntary

The ceremony opened with a parade of several scout tribes reviewed by the Chief Scout in Jerusalem, Mr. Eliahu Carmel. Mayor Mordecai Ish-Shalom conveyed the greetings of the Capital.

Mr. Yitzhak Shapira, President, and Mrs. I.C. Michaelson, Vice-President, Rabbi David de Soia, President of the B'nai B'rith, Dr. Morton J. Robbins, and Aluf-Mishne Yosef Carmel.

President of the Scout Federation and Director of the Education Ministry. Youth Department, noted that the Scouts were the only youth movement allowed to conduct activities in the schools.

The Israel Chief Scout, Mr. Arye Kroch, observed that it was easier to build a building than to build up scout-

and Phillips House of Scout is to be held tomorrow in Tel Aviv.

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**Tel Aviv Will Build
New Youth Centre**

TEL AVIV. — A contribution of IL250,000 towards the construction of a Municipal youth centre was announced

at a dinner which Mayor Mordechai Namir gave on Thursday in honour of the representatives of the donors, the Federation of Jewish Relief Organization in Great Britain. Joint Chairman, Sir J. L. G. Jones, Board Member, Mr. I. Questle.

The Municipality will thank this contribution, Mr. Namir said.

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Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality has decided to grant a tax

reduction to every citizen paying one year's taxes in advance in April. Everyone paying his 1961/62 taxes in April will be granted a 7 per cent reduction and those paying until May 15 will receive a 5 per cent reduction.

Payments less the deduction are accepted at all Tel Aviv bank branches and at Municipal Collection Offices, on display of a Municipal notice acknowledging payment of taxes.

Citizens who have not yet received the Municipal notice can begin paying their taxes less the deduction as from April 15, 1961, at their district Collection Office.

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Flight to the Far East (II)

By Lea Ben Dor

FROM 'BUTTERFLY' TO BEATNIK

JAPAN enjoys a most enviable reputation with most of its visitors as a most beautiful, although this is not necessarily comprehensible to all. It is essentially the country of the decorative, the exquisitely, poignantly decorative, rather than the starkly impressive. The packaging one might say is quite as impressive as the contents, and that is not saying little for the very wrapping paper used in any Japanese shop for the most ordinary purchase is worth carrying all the way home.

The fascination is easy to see. This is a man-made world, apparently made for man's enjoyment. Top people meet on the street, smile, nod and bow. Nothing can go wrong in a conversation like that, or can it? The waiting geisha's smile is unchanging and will still be there long after her flower have faded. The kimono conceals her figure, paint her face, mannerism and personality. She can even, surprisingly, be old and ugly, but the production is so perfect that it makes hardly any difference. Or does it?

And what about the shop-girls and housewives in their drab kimono and white cotton-socks and high-soled, clumsy sandals? For consolation over the bright world of elegant and witty geishas from which they are forever excluded, they have the most enchanting household ware in the world from which to choose at little cost.

You may find food for thought in the teams of bony-faced youths in white, toiling up and down hills and round and round, or practicing judo in every park and garden with the look of men who had rather die than fail.

The Great Buddha

NOT far from Tokyo, at Kanakura, sits the Great

Buddha, serene, beautiful, commanding, around ten centuries old. Two or three people could sit comfortably on his upturned hands, but the portions of the bronze figure are so harmonious that its sheer size is not oppressive. There used to be a temple round the figure, but it was carried away a few centuries ago by a tidal wave that did not harm the Buddha, and it was taken for a sign that the figure should remain in the garden. Yet he looks alien. He does not belong with the delicate paper and fretwork windows, with the kimono, nor yet with the strenuous gymnasts or the busy factories. He does not belong even with the knarled old man who remained up a pine tree for several hours while we had lunch, carefully trimming each branch and twig like a court hairdresser to produce the romantic terrace growth that gives the trees their "Japanese" look.

In a Japanese-style hotel you get a thick mattress on the hardwood floor, a tiled sunken bath with water up to your shoulders as you stand, and likely to be invaded by a maid-servant who wishes to make sure the visitor has all he needs. Beautifully made tables so low that most Europeans have great difficulty getting their knees underneath; and plenty of warm, comforting, mild rice wine that is served in such tiny cups that it would need truly Oriental patience to take too much. Everything is exquisitely neat and clean, except for the staggeringly stained and grubby sheets — but these are a concession to European customs. The food looks so pretty that you try it again and again, dish after dish, wondering about the cooks who have minced and trimmed it and arranged with much care as if it were flowers. But most of it is raw fish and fragments of vegetable steeped in salt and soy sauce.

The young beatniks in a cafe, conspicuous in sweaters and tight black jeans, seemed willing to forego these traditional privileges, and their girls, the silent and delightful conspirators by which he is reminded on all occasions that man is the Lord of Creation.

OF course nowadays one is never far from home. As we entered the lounge of our modest hotel there was the sound of a strangely familiar voice claiming something about "yehudim," with the last syllable sharply accented. Sure enough, there was a glimpse of Mr. Ben-Gurion in a television documentary, with Mr. Lavon and Shimon Peres and all the other characters from the problem of financing the upstart state of Israel.

Entrepreneurs Paradise

HONG Kong is not China, they say, and it certainly is unlike any place else, particularly Japan. Air France whisked you back in a morning's journey, in place of the leisurely week it used to take on a P. & O. liner. But something of the P. & O. atmosphere has remained in the Crown Colony. British Government, in fact any government at all, is unobtrusive, but it is one of the last remaining well-liked colonial governments. Refugees — from the partitioning of India, from Red China — have swelled the population to nearly four million. Labour is not only cheap, but sturdy and industrious, and with the most sophisticated of manual skills. Taxes are almost non-existent. This is the entrepreneur's paradise, new factories spring up daily, and prices are proverbially low.

A warm cheerfulness pervades the streets. Even the landscape is full of wit, with conical hills rising from the sea and little green bays flung around extravagantly. The sea is never far away, and it is covered with picturesque junkies and comfortable ferries. Just beyond the city, in the New Territories whose fate it is to return to China when the lease is up in a few more years, the vegetables are planted as neatly as embroidery in tiny fields, but the ducks splash happily in filthy ponds. The countryside is misty and wet, with half-concealed mountains in the distance, and a decoration of traditional figures in blue, with a yoke of pails over their shoulders and a black frill round a large circular hat. The ancillars are tucked away on hill-sides in large coloured pots that look like bee-hives.

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- 9.30 a.m. — Distribution of prizes for research work in the citrus branch at the Wix Auditorium, Yad Weizmann.
- 11.30 a.m. — Visit of the President of the State to the "Paradise" Packing House.
- 4.00 p.m. — Festive parade through the streets of the town.
- 8.30 p.m. — Festive assembly in the presence of the Prime Minister at Yad Weizmann Square.

and brightly coloured objects at which objects you scarcely like to guess.

You are told that the chief merit of the geishas who serve it so elaborately is their sympathetic and well-informed conversation. Or isn't it? Not knowing Japanese, you are destined to miss any but their more obvious charms. You may even feel that it is embarrassing and even shocking to be waited upon by a kneeling girl. But perhaps it is just that the geishas are embarrassed by women guests. But in any case it is not these formal and yet rather naive occasions (they end with the kind of paper and matchbox tricks helpful grown-ups produce at children's parties) that the visitor to Japan recalls in nostalgic moments. Rather, it is the silent and delightful conspiracy by which he is reminded on all occasions that man is the Lord of Creation.

The young beatniks in a cafe, conspicuous in sweaters and tight black jeans, seemed willing to forego these traditional privileges, and their girls, the silent and delightful conspirators by which he is reminded on all occasions that man is the Lord of Creation.

Entrepreneurs Paradise

HONG Kong is not China, they say, and it certainly is unlike any place else, particularly Japan. Air France whisked you back in a morning's journey, in place of the leisurely week it used to take on a P. & O. liner. But something of the P. & O. atmosphere has remained in the Crown Colony. British Government, in fact any government at all, is unobtrusive, but it is one of the last remaining well-liked colonial governments. Refugees — from the partitioning of India, from Red China — have swelled the population to nearly four million. Labour is not only cheap, but sturdy and industrious, and with the most sophisticated of manual skills. Taxes are almost non-existent. This is the entrepreneur's paradise, new factories spring up daily, and prices are proverbially low.

A warm cheerfulness pervades the streets. Even the landscape is full of wit, with conical hills rising from the sea and little green bays flung around extravagantly. The sea is never far away, and it is covered with picturesque junkies and comfortable ferries. Just beyond the city, in the New Territories whose fate it is to return to China when the lease is up in a few more years, the vegetables are planted as neatly as embroidery in tiny fields, but the ducks splash happily in filthy ponds. The countryside is misty and wet, with half-concealed mountains in the distance, and a decoration of traditional figures in blue, with a yoke of pails over their shoulders and a black frill round a large circular hat. The ancillars are tucked away on hill-sides in large coloured pots that look like bee-hives.

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YESTERDAY'S PRESS

The Arab Refugees

Habaker (General Zionist)

writes that we understand UNRWA's unwillingness to solve the Arab refugee problem and it is perhaps good that the matter has been starkly presented as the irrational Arab hostility to the continued existence of the State of Israel and the very rational unwillingness of the State of Israel to commit suicide or be destroyed. And it is well that Dr. Davis described the problem as being part of the general political picture, a clear warning to these who understand to deal with it. If the Arab countries did not associate themselves with the appeal to the PCC, it is perhaps because the problem of financing the upstart state of Israel.

Hamodia (World Aguda) has little praise for Koi Yisrael's "popular" broadcasts, adding that orthodox Jews simply switch off when the talk grows unpalatable. But last week's broadcast on the "world's oldest profession" reached the zenith of impropriety.

At last week is being started on cleaning up the Tel Aviv waterfront and making the beach safe for bathing, notes Davar (Hafardut). For thirteen years a right-wing municipality allowed things to slide and it has been to a Labour administration to roll up its sleeves and get to work.

HEARD ABROAD

The bold spirits among us who would like to see to it that the roots of the Arab problem in Israel have to learn that Rudyard Kipling and the other Victorian novelists, besides which, they were not Americans — Mr. Walter Lippmann, in the New York Herald Tribune.

After taking a long look at the world we shall have no right to object to the roots of the Arab problem in Israel.

Look at Russia and ask yourselves how a country of feudal aristocrats and illiterate peasants could have achieved what they have achieved. The answer is simple: they had a strong leadership. The answer is simple: they had a strong leadership.

KEEPING POSTED

THIS has been not only the coldest but the driest winter for many a year. Wise tourists went down south, where the weather was just what they needed. But who has heard of the flowers of Galilee in spring? One tourist tells us that he got in with a botanical bend and was carrying a very thorough taught the difference between anemones and poppies, which are so curiously alike. The answer is simple: they had a strong leadership.

The picture looks like a large barrow.

This calculation is probably right for if the highest floor for animals was six feet then there would not have been room for any of the large prehistoric animals, and that is presumably why they did not survive. But why did Noah discriminate in this way?

Apart from prophecy, there is also some quite mundane news, such as the price of the new Studebaker Lark model now being marketed in Haifa. The only bit in the whole magazine we can't believe is a report of a veteran member of the Chach and his two sons, who have bought a seven-room house and two dunams of land with fruit trees at Givat Yotva for \$2,000.

WHAT our secondary school teachers have been saying is nothing to the satisfaction of the Minister of Education. The Minister of Education, the writer complains, went to Spain for his holiday, touring with his family in a large car and staying at expensive hotels. He has to go and stay at his wife's parents' place if he wants to get away at all. In 1959, he says, a schoolmaster got 1234 a year, and at that time the average weekly wage in factories, without overtime, was 58 shillings, which works out at just over 1179 a year. The figures for 1959 were 1830 for the schoolmaster, or twice as much as in 1959, and 688 for the factory worker, or four times as much. Quite a minor civil servant gets \$1,400, in-

cluding a large allowance for having a degree. He also has to deal with the fact that he considers the fantastic claim of the teachers in elementary schools who seek "parity of esteem" with the senior members of the profession. The one who are really in clover, he says, are the teachers at French schools, who teach only three days a week and spend the rest of the time studying. The thing now, of course, is to see what the French teachers think about it: except that these, of course, are a relatively small proportion of all children attend the senior classes of high schools with their exceedingly high scholastic standards.

THE American Theatre Guild may like it here. No need for all this registry-making. At their last stand, in Beirut, they had been warned they should not

mention that they would be in Tel Aviv next as it might cause unpleasantness. But as they found they had to keep mentioning some kind of date while their Lebanese impresario was around they started to say instead when we go "down south," and then just shortened it to "Dise."

Today's contributors include Otket and J.J., Jerusalem.

MARGINAL COMMENT FRANCE AND AMERICA

By George Leonof

VIEWED against the backdrop of France's hitherto extreme sensitivity with regard to the Algerian war, and President de Gaulle's refusal to contemplate any form of third-party intervention in the dispute, news of U.S. mediation in Tunis last week was surprising enough. In the light of the Kennedy Administration's declared attitude of colonialism and self-determination of dependent peoples, French acceptance of American good offices was even perplexing. Little consolation could be found in Secretary of State Dean Rusk's assertion that the West, if it hopes to regain moral leadership in the world, must begin to practice what it preaches and "come to a right and permanent relationship with peoples of other colors." Mr. Kennedy's unhesitating support for Mr. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary of State, who brought on resentful clamour when he unashamedly declared, on his recent visit to South Africa, that Africa is for the Africans, was one of the first straws in the shifting wind. A more recent and concrete example was the U.S. position in the United Nations on the Angola question, in which it found itself on the same side of the vote as the Soviet Union, calling for debate on the situation in a NATO ally's colony.

IN the circumstances, it is not surprising that the "Algerian Provisional Government" should welcome American efforts to break the pre-conference deadlock. The insurgents have always tried to broaden the conflict, at least on the political level. That these efforts should also be approved in Paris points to a revival of French confidence in the U.S. that augurs well for Mr. Kennedy's visit to Paris next month, when the two Presidents apparently plan to iron out a whole pile of crumpled political lines. On the part of the U.S., as leader of the Western world, it required boldness and imagination to step into the Algerian mess at this delicate and critical stage of the negotiations. Fortunately, President Kennedy has shown he lacks neither quality, and the decision testified to his determination that America's moral authority, which he believes has too long lain dormant, must play a greater and more active role in a changing world. The decision is certainly not premature. In the eight years since Stalin's death the Soviet Union has shown itself too ready to rush where America, for all her strong anti-colonialist

traditions, feared to tread lest it trample the anachronistically overextended toes of its allies. Dictated by cold-war expediency, this U.S. forbearance could little appeal to peoples whose interest in inter-bloc hostility was mainly confined to the extent it could help them the sooner achieve or consolidate their political or economic independence. Mr. Kennedy has now drawn his bold conclusions, and General de Gaulle, who for all the mysticism attributed to him has turned out to be a remarkably practical statesman, appears to appreciate them.

MORE of this boldness and imagination will be required in the coming Paris talks if the change in French policy, implicit in her acceptance of the U.S. mediation on Algeria, however limited in scope, is to be encouraged. French reluctance to accept the "big" in international affairs was reasserted only last week in Bangkok. There, at the Sento conference, Foreign Minister Couve de Murville declined to endorse a "tough" statement on Laos even though, as it now appears, the "toughness" was intended more to reassure the Asian members of the alliance, particularly Siam and the Philippines, than as a commitment to military intervention. President de Gaulle's determination to retain freedom of political action, which he considers perfectly commensurate with membership in Western alliances, was also reflected in French refusal to share in the cost of the U.N. Congo operation, of which Paris has been critical, though for reasons different from those put forward by the Soviet bloc. When Mr. Kennedy, in his State of the Union message in January, spoke of the "unity of NATO," while ostensibly abstaining from such terms as actually participating in all manner of blasts in the Sahara under cover of the tricolour.

Jerusalem, April 18

Readers' Letters

PLEA FOR TREE GARDEN

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read your leader of March 20 on trees and gardens and I am sure that the keenest interest in particular, what you write about the "virtual disbandment" of the Arboretum at

Hanoor is of great importance.

The Arboretum, with its 800 species, is of invaluable help to anyone engaged in introduction and acclimatization projects, both silvicultural and horticultural. We suffer from a dearth of adaptable species in both fields and not only in arid areas. For instance, the gardens, especially those created in the last decade, are very uniform because there is no richly variegated choice of decorative plants and trees. The nurseries always offer the old standbys: Eucalyptus, Pines, Casuarinas, etc. There are hundreds of other beautiful and ecologically suitable species which are not known. Gardens do not know them. Gardens do not know them. Gardens do not know them.

The gardens at Hanoor, properly maintained, not only is a point of attraction for lovers of nature, but also has its practical use: half of the species are already in the seed-bearing stage and the seeds are very valuable to us because they are already acclimatized.

Many have already been collected and distributed. More species ripen, they will give us more data and more seeds and I don't think anyone in the know will contest the importance of this for the development of the whole country.

I don't wish to take sides in the dispute between the J.N.F. and the foresters of the Ministry of Agriculture, but the least we can do is that I appreciate and respect both sides. Neither do I wish to interfere in administrative matters; no one will deny the necessity of economies. But I hear a constant rumour — that the plantations of the Forestry Department in Hanoor will be handed over to a Youth Institution. Are our adolescents suitable guardians and keepers of one of our greatest silvicultural treasures? I hope good sense will

prevail and whatever the final solution will be, the National Arboretum in Hanoor will be cared for at least by Jews to keep kosher or non-kosher as they please. It is also a well-known fact that most cruise passengers expect the luxurious continental non-kosher cuisine provided on the "Jerusalem."

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